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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]
CONDUCTED BY INVESTIGATOR JIM LUKAS
on 12 October 2011 at 2118 hours
at Christ Hospital Emergency Room
Oak Lawn, Illinois

LOG # 1049252

Attachment # 18

1 INVESTIGATOR LUKAS: Okay. This is Investigator
2 Jim Lukas, that's L-u-k-a-s. My Badge number is 117.
3 This is the digitally recorded statement of [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED] regarding Log #1049252. We're in one of
5 the um, rooms in the emergency room at Christ Hospital
6 in Oak Lawn. It's approximately 2118 hours on 12
7 October 2011 and ah, [REDACTED] you've already signed
8 the consent to ah, allow me to record this interview.
9 Is that correct?

10 [REDACTED] Yes.

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY INVESTIGATOR LUKAS:

13 Q And ah, could you state your name and spell
14 it please?

15 A Sure, [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED] at the
17 end.

18 Q Okay. And ah, do you swear or affirm that
19 the statement you are about to give in this matter is
20 true and correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay. All right. And what's your birth
23 date?

24 A [REDACTED]

1 Q Okay. Um, now they had '71 on the, ah, face
2 sheet. It's [REDACTED]

3 A It's [REDACTED]

4 Q No problem, thank you. And um, what's your
5 address?

6 A Ah, currently right now I've just moved into
7 [REDACTED] Chicago,
8 Illinois 60629.

9 Q Okay. And what's a phone number for you?

10 A [REDACTED]

11 Q Okay. And the incident that you're here to
12 be interviewed about when did that occur?

13 A That occurred this morning around 9:30 to
14 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

15 Q Okay. And where did it happen?

16 A In front of my house.

17 Q Okay. Right on the sidewalk or on the
18 street or --

19 A It was just right in front of my house.

20 Q Okay. All right. And this -- the address
21 on Artesian is that a single family house?

22 A Yes it is.

23 Q Okay. All right. And could you describe
24 what was -- what happened in the incident?

1 A Well I took out -- ah, we're babysitting a
2 friend's dog. I took him -- I took her out and like I
3 said we just moved in and the dog has been with us all
4 week. And um, when she was coming up the stairs, the
5 kitty cat from next door um, crossed her and she went
6 after it. Little did I assume that she was going to
7 fit through the bars 'cause I have like a 7' fence
8 around my house. So I didn't know she was going to
9 fit through it.

10 She fit through that fence, through the next door
11 fence and she kept running and still chasing the cat.
12 Well the cat disappeared but at the end of 68th and
13 Western there was another big dog which my dog yes,
14 attacked that dog. As the attack was going on I was
15 running get it but because I have a right hip
16 replacement, it took me a little bit to get there.
17 But anyways um, officers were passing by the scene.
18 The other person who was walking their dog flagged
19 them down.

20 Um, officers came to the scene; started yelling
21 at me "Hey get your dog. Get your dog." So I got my
22 dog and um, I dragged it back to my house. By the
23 time I got to my house now I have six patrols in front
24 of my house and two detectives in front of my house.

1 Um, I put the dog inside and they're calling me names,
2 "Hey come back out." Um, one of the names were
3 "bitch". Um, "You need to come back outside." I
4 said, "Well give me a chance."

5 And then he kept saying, "Well I need your ID."
6 I said, "Give me a chance I got to catch my breath.
7 I'm asthmatic." They told me, "Hurry up bitch. Hurry
8 up. Come down the stairs." So now I have to come
9 down the stairs and open my -- he goes "Where you
10 going?" I said, "My ID is in my car. I just
11 arrived." So I have a book bag that I was going to
12 work. So when I took out my ID they took my keys.
13 They told me, "Oh, ah I need your ID now."

14 So when they took my ID I said well -- you know,
15 um I told them, "Give me a chance. I'm coming to get
16 it." "Hurry up. Hurry up." So then I went inside to
17 notify my family member who was my goddaughter and her
18 baby of five months was there saying, "Hey, um the
19 cops are here. They want to arrest me for the dog. I
20 need the papers for the dog and everything like that."
21 So when I came back out they says, "Oh, we're gonna
22 get you arrested."

23 I said I -- you know, no they told me um, "You
24 need to hurry up and come down here." I said, "Give

1 me a chance." And I told them, "I have rights too.
2 Um, that's not a way to speak to me." I said, "Let me
3 get a chance to explain it." "Oh, you don't have no
4 explaining to do. Where's this dog." Because when I
5 got to my house, my house is boarded they didn't
6 believe that I lived here. They didn't believe that I
7 had a -- ah -- a -- ah -- ah -- a lease.

8 They didn't believe nothing I said. I told them
9 that I was someone clean. That I've never been a vi -
10 - convicted or nothing like that. They said, "Yeah,
11 right."

12 Q Okay. Hang on one second. We're going to
13 pause the interview.

14 (Whereby interview was paused.)

15 Okay. We're resuming the interview with [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED] and ah, let's see the officers didn't believe
17 that ah, you had a lease cause the -- the place
18 appeared --

19 A Boarded --

20 Q -- boarded up --

21 A Right.

22 Q -- and --

23 A We had just finished the final move on
24 Sunday. I called my landlord, "Can you please come

1 and remove the boards." He didn't come until today.

2 Um, so now the officer, one of them tells me --

3 Q Okay.

4 A Come in.

5 Q We're going to just pause the interview.

6 Okay. We're resuming the interview now. Ah, so then
7 the --

8 A The officer wanted to arrest me. I told him
9 "On what charges?" He says, "Oh, I don't need to tell
10 you charges." He wanted to arrest me. He never read
11 me my rights. He never told me what charges I was
12 being charged for or nothing like that. Um, when he
13 went to put the handcuffs I told him, "Please go easy.
14 I have a right hip replacement. I have infusion Z1, 2
15 and 3 in the neck that allows me not to do nothing.
16 Um, and my right shoulder tends to pop out easily when
17 I do something wrong."

18 He said, "I don't care. We're gonna arrest you."
19 He, the gentleman touched me and then -- you know,
20 touched my hands and then forced my hands so that it
21 can be in the handcuff. And I told him, "Please don't
22 do it because it hurts." He didn't care. He
23 continued to do it. Um --

24 Q So they handcuffed you?

1 A They had -- I'm sorry. They did handcuff
2 me.

3 Q Behind the back?

4 A Behind the back, yes.

5 Q Okay.

6 A So um, now they want to put me into this big
7 SUV paddy wagon. Well I can't get into it because I
8 have a rep -- right -- right hip replacement and um,
9 it's too high for me to get in. So the officer pushes
10 me. He says, "Turn around and just push. And you
11 gotta -- I said, "No, I'm not doing it. Um, you're
12 going to have to just shoot me or take me somewhere
13 else and take me with." So he says, "Oh, you crappy
14 ass bitch."

15 So there was a squad car smaller on the back. I
16 said, "Well can't I just stand or can you just uncuff
17 me and I can get in? I don't have to be handcuffed.
18 I'm not a criminal." "Oh, I don't know that until we
19 check you." I said, "I'm telling you. I'm not a
20 criminal." So he um, he told me um, "Face the car
21 with your back towards the door and just slide in."
22 So I slide in. Now I'm uncomfortable because I'm
23 handcuffed and my shoulder did actually for me, popped
24 out in place.

1 It's in a lot of pain. I couldn't lift it. So
2 now I'm crying and -- and they're just -- don't care -
3 - they didn't care. Um, one of the officers um, came
4 back with my ID or one of the officers said um, "She
5 is clean. She doesn't have a record or nothing. She
6 -- you know she's never down nothing. This will be
7 like her first offense." And ah, the other officer
8 said um, "Well, so she was telling the truth." So now
9 um, they told me "I need you to get out the car.

10 There's a possibility that I'm going to arrest
11 you. There's a possibility not." So now before I get
12 out the car I'm calling my job to let them know I
13 don't think I'm gonna make it because I'm being
14 arrested. So then the cops were coming and I was
15 afraid they were gonna take my phone away because as I
16 was still in the squad car they didn't want me to talk
17 to nobody. So I hanged up and I get out the car. So
18 now he comes --

19 Q Okay. We're just going to pause the
20 interview. Okay. We're resuming the interview.

21 A So now they take me -- they unhandcuff me --
22 after like 45 minutes to an hour they unhandcuff me
23 and when they realize that I don't have anything, they
24 tell me, "Oh, you can step out but ah, we still can

1 arrest you or not." Then he said, one of the
2 officer's said um, "I don't care about your
3 impairments." And all I said was, "I pray to God that
4 you or your family never gets something impaired
5 because it is really hard and someone to understand
6 you, it's hard."

7 He says, "So I don't give a fuck." That's what
8 he told me. I was like, "Okay. No problem." So now
9 um, he says, "Where are the owners of the -- of the pi
10 -- of this dog?" So I, you know, the owners were
11 coming on their way. So when the owners came they
12 showed that the dog was legit. It wasn't -- you know
13 the dog has his rabie shots. Dog had the license.
14 Everything was fine. Since everything was fine that's
15 when they decided, "Well we're gonna give you a
16 citation."

17 You're lucky because of your impairments we're
18 not going to take you in." I said, "No, I don't think
19 it was that." You know, I told them "I think it was
20 that I proved to you that I now got my lease and I
21 showed you that I had a lease. That now the dog was
22 legit and everything. Now you don't have a case."
23 That's all I told them. So they read them back and
24 said, "You have to talk back?" I said, "I'm just

1 defending my rights."

2 Q Uh-hum.

3 A And that was it. I never talked to them
4 again.

5 Q Okay.

6 A Because they started acting stupid and smart
7 remarks so I just -- to avoid more -- anymore problems
8 then what I had, I didn't say nothing. The other
9 gentleman came and gave me the citation and told me
10 that I had to call this number to see how much it is
11 and that the other people had to come in response and
12 to take full responsibility.

13 Q Okay. Um, and then you were -- that was it.
14 Then the police left.

15 A That was it. The police left.

16 Q Okay. All right. All right and um, the um
17 -- the vehicle that you were in was that a marked
18 police ah, squad car?

19 A It was -- yes.

20 Q Okay.

21 A Both of them were marked.

22 Q So blue and white, okay.

23 A Yes.

24 Q And the car that you were in was a sedan,

1 like a four-door sedan --

2 A The -- the -- no, the first one --

3 Q -- or --

4 A -- that they tried to push me in --

5 Q Uh-huh.

6 A -- was a sedan.

7 Q Okay.

8 A And I kept ah -- a SUV. That I couldn't fit

9 in it.

10 Q The first one was a SUV.

11 A The SUV.

12 Q Okay.

13 A The second one was a smaller um, car.

14 Q Regular car.

15 A (Inaudible 0:09:15.5).

16 Q The four-door.

17 A Yeah.

18 Q Okay.

19 A Yes. Yes.

20 Q And they're both marked.

21 A Yes.

22 Q Okay. Okay. Okay. Did you notice, just

23 off hand, when you were in -- you were in the back

24 seat of the squad car?

1 A Uh-hum.

2 Q Did you notice if there was a camera in
3 there pointing at you --

4 A No --

5 Q -- or anything like that?

6 A -- there was no camera.

7 Q Okay.

8 A There was only like a white um, push light
9 thing.

10 Q Okay. And was there a barrier between the
11 front --

12 A Yes there was.

13 Q -- and back seat.

14 A Uh-hum.

15 Q Okay. All right. And um, do you know the
16 names of the owners of the dog or the name of the
17 owner of the dog --

18 A Ah --

19 Q -- of the pit bull?

20 A -- off the top of my head I don't know.

21 Q Okay. That's all right.

22 A Um --

23 Q Because they're -- they're not a witness to
24 it anyway, to the incident --

1 A No.

2 Q -- are they or --

3 A No, no, no. I mean the whole neighbor saw
4 what happened, but they weren't a witness.

5 Q All right. And do you know --

6 A They -- they arrived afterwards.

7 Q Okay. Do you know the name of any witness
8 to the verbal by the officers uh, the -- the -- you
9 know, verbal abuse by the officers?

10 A To tell you the truth sir, I couldn't tell
11 you.

12 Q Okay.

13 A The simple fact reason is that when the cops
14 came up, everybody's coming outside but nobody's you
15 know, right there standing next to me.

16 Q Okay.

17 A So.

18 Q Okay. All right. All right. And um, apart
19 from neighbors coming out ah, was there anyone else
20 that you know of who -- who would be -- would have
21 been a witness to any of the actions or the verbal --

22 A No, I don't --

23 Q -- verbal --

24 A -- because it's like my fourth day there.

1 Q Okay.

2 A So you know I'm new.

3 Q No, that's fine. Okay. All right. And was
4 it your right shoulder or left shoulder?

5 A Left shoulder.

6 Q All right. And that's the one you feel was
7 ah, dislocated.

8 A Uh-hum.

9 Q Okay.

10 A That I believe I think is dislocated cause I
11 can't lift it or nothing so it's in really pain.

12 Q Okay.

13 A So I don't know like a muscle pulled or not
14 I don't know --

15 Q Okay.

16 A -- until I find out.

17 Q Okay. And have you been --

18 A Already.

19 Q -- examined?

20 A Yes, well not examined. They took me to x-
21 ray and everything first.

22 Q Okay.

23 A So the doctors are going to look at that and
24 then come --

1 Q Okay.

2 A -- come and tell me.

3 Q All right. And um, do you know the name of
4 the officer ah, of any of the officers who were on the
5 scene?

6 A They didn't let me get a chance --

7 Q Okay.

8 A -- to see them. Like I said my rights were
9 never --

10 Q Right.

11 A -- um read to me.

12 Q Okay.

13 A They -- they just put the handcuffs -- they
14 forcibly put the handcuffs. Even me --

15 Q All right.

16 A -- telling them, "Please be -- go easy. You
17 know, I have this condition" and everything, they
18 didn't.

19 Q Uh-hum. Okay.

20 A They just didn't care.

21 Q All right. The officer who ah, handcuffed
22 you was a male?

23 A Yes.

24 Q White?

1 A All of them were male.

2 Q All male, okay.

3 A All male and all white.

4 Q All white.

5 A And I was told --

6 Q Okay.

7 A Yeah.

8 Q And ah, specifically the one who handcuffed
9 you, could you des -- describe that ah, male officer
10 beyond?

11 A Sure.

12 Q Okay.

13 A Um --

14 Q Like how tall roughly compared to your own
15 height maybe?

16 A Well I'm 5'. I want to say he was like
17 5'2".

18 Q Oh, okay.

19 A Um, kind of um -- um black hair pushed to
20 the back.

21 Q Okay.

22 A Um --

23 Q How old about?

24 A Ah, I want to say -- I'm 37, so around

1 between 30s to 40s.

2 Q Okay.

3 A Between that age. I don't think it was more
4 then that.

5 Q Okay.

6 A Um --

7 Q Glasses?

8 A No, that one didn't have glasses.

9 Q Uh-hum.

10 A He -- he looked more -- he looked Hispanic
11 that gentleman.

12 Q Okay.

13 A Um, the one that called me a bitch --

14 Q Uh-hum.

15 A Was in um, an unmarked car which is like an
16 undercover car.

17 Q Uh-hum.

18 A He had blue jeans with a -- a -- a t-shirt
19 and then his vest on top.

20 Q What color was the t-shirt if you remember?

21 A Um --

22 Q And if not, it's okay. Don't worry about
23 it.

24 A I don't --

1 Q Okay. How about ah, any marks, scars,
2 tattoos, anything like that on him that you recall?

3 A No.

4 Q Okay.

5 A No, he was all clean.

6 Q How about ah, glasses?

7 A No.

8 Q Okay.

9 A All clean.

10 Q All right. We're going to pause the
11 interview. Okay. We're resuming the interview. Ah,
12 one thing the um, you had mentioned -- you described
13 three different officers. Did any of those three
14 officers ah, were they -- like the one who handcuffed
15 you is not the one who you know referred to you as a
16 bitch.

17 A Yes, that's the one.

18 Q Okay. All right. It -- oh is --

19 A Oh, not the one who handcuffed me, no.

20 Q Right. Okay.

21 A He was -- he was first -- one of the first
22 ones to call me a bitch --

23 Q Okay.

24 A -- cause I didn't want to come out of the

1 step of my house.

2 Q Okay.

3 A Yes.

4 Q And as far as (inaudible 0:13:29.7) you
5 specifically "you -- you crappy ass bitch" --

6 A Uh-hum.

7 Q -- is that the same one that said "bitch" --

8 A That's the gentleman with the blue jeans --

9 Q -- too?

10 A -- and who was in the unmarked car, yes.

11 Q Okay. All right. All right. So there's
12 three officers specifically --

13 A Uh-hum.

14 Q -- who did something.

15 A Yes.

16 Q Okay. Good. All right. All right. And
17 then the owner of the second dog, the dog that ah --
18 the dog you were watching went after, did that person
19 who was walking their dog I guess um, did they witness
20 any part of the incident as far as the police --

21 A Yes.

22 Q -- go?

23 A Well no.

24 Q As far as the --

1 A No. Once --

2 Q Okay.

3 A -- once my dog was released from his dog, he
4 went on to his home where he gave the police officer
5 his name or whatever not.

6 Q Okay.

7 A And I dragged my dog to the house.

8 Q Okay. So -- so that -- that second owner of
9 the dog --

10 A No.

11 Q -- did not witness any part of --

12 A No, he never.

13 Q Okay. All right. Okay. And when you were
14 handcuffed did you um, ask for the handcuffs to be
15 released or to be loosened I should say?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay.

18 A And he told me no.

19 Q Which officer was that? The one who --

20 A The one that was arresting me.

21 Q -- handcuffed you?

22 A Yes, sir.

23 Q Okay. Okay. Okay. Do you know the name of
24 the dog, the pit bull?

1 A It's a pit bull, yes.

2 Q No like the --

3 A It's a blue nose --

4 Q -- is there a name?

5 A -- pit bull.

6 Q Okay. I mean is there a --

7 A But it's Barry (phonetic).

8 Q -- nickname? Oh, Barry. Okay.

9 A Barry. Barry is the dog's name.

10 Q All right. No problem.

11 A And it's a blue nosed pit bull.

12 Q Okay. Okay. All right. Can you think of
13 anything else about the incident then that you haven't
14 mentioned then?

15 A No. It was just that I feel that um,
16 emotionally you know, besides my mother making three
17 months that passed away today, on top of all this I
18 feel that the police officers should give a chance to
19 hear both sides. Not everyone is a criminal.

20 Q Right, okay.

21 A That was my whole point.

22 Q Okay.

23 A And that's what I told them. Not everyone
24 is a criminal. You know, accidents do happen and this

1 was an accident and they just didn't care.

2 Q Okay.

3 A They really didn't care.

4 Q All right.

5 A And you know, and according to the -- the
6 police logo is We Serve and Protect and they didn't do
7 nothing. So.

8 Q Okay.

9 A That was my whole thing.

10 Q All right. Um, and the one who -- who
11 didn't care about your ah -- you know your asthma and
12 all -- and your leg, is that the same one who
13 handcuffed you?

14 A Uh-hum.

15 Q Okay. Okay.

16 A Him and then the other guy with the blue
17 jeans --

18 Q Okay.

19 A -- and the thing where they just didn't
20 care.

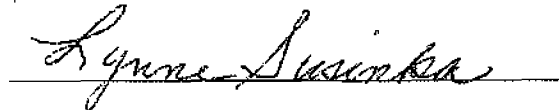
21 Q Okay.

22 A It -- it -- it -- you're gonna get it and
23 that's it. So you're gonna get handcuffed and that
24 was it too.

1 Q Okay. All right. Okay, this now ah,
2 concludes the digital ah, statement of -- the
3 digitally recorded statement of ah, Leticia Lopez
4 regarding Log #1049252. It's approximately 2148 hours
5 on ah, 12 October 2011. Thank you.

6 (STATEMENT ENDED)

1 I, Lynne Susinka, do hereby certify or affirm
2 that I have impartially transcribed the foregoing from
3 a digitally recorded statement of the above-mentioned
4 proceedings to the best of my ability.

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